

Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheet of drawings replaces Figs. 1a, 1b, 2a, and 2b with Figs. 1 and 2.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Office Action mailed September 26, 2006 has been reviewed and carefully considered. Claims 1-17 are pending in this application. Reconsideration of the above-identified application, as herein amended and in view of the following remarks, is respectfully requested.

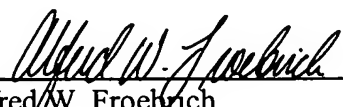
In the Office Action mailed September 26, 2006, the Examiner states that the application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters. More specifically, the Examiner states that the drawings are objected to because Figs. 1a and 1b are identical to Figs. 2a and 2b. In response, Applicants now submit two drawings to replace the original Figs. 1a, 1b, 2a, and 2b. The replacement drawings include Fig. 1, which is the same as original Figs. 1a and 2a, and Fig. 2, which is the same as original Figs. 1b and 2b. The specification is amended to update the references to the drawings.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, objection to the drawings should now be withdrawn. The application is now deemed to be in condition for allowance and notice to that effect is solicited.

It is believed that no fees or charges are required at this time in connection with the present application. However, if any fees or charges are required at this time, they may be charged to our Patent and Trademark Office Deposit Account No. 03-2412.

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